

EFFECTIVE

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Subjects

1. Foster care worker visits with children.
2. Face-to-face contact definition.

1) Foster Care Worker Visits with Children

FOM 722-6, Developing the Service Plan; Child(ren) in Out-of-Home Placements

First two months after initial placement or a placement move - the assigned case worker must have at least two face-to-face contacts with the child for the first two months following an initial placement or a placement move. At least one visit each month must take place at the child's placement location and must include a private meeting between the child and the case worker. The first visit with the child must take place within five business days from the date the case is assigned to the case worker and all contacts must be documented within the social work contacts of the case service plan.

Note: Two phone contacts (as age appropriate) continue to be required only during the first month after initial placement.

Subsequent months - each child in care must be visited at least once a month, by the assigned case worker, whether the child is placed in a foster home, relative/unrelated caregiver's home, independent living or in a residential/institutional setting. At least one visit each month must take place at the child's placement location and must include a private meeting between the child and the case worker.

Reason: Dwayne B. v Snyder, et al. settlement agreement.

2) Face-to-Face Contact Definition

Face-to-face contacts are defined as being in-person.

Reason: Foster Care Program Office clarification.

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